(SRI KADIDAL MANJAPPA.)

(*d*) There are various reasons for rejecting the darkhast. The following are the main reasons for such rejection.

(1) Insufficiency of gomal.

(2) The lands applied for being reserved land such as tank beds, Kharab, reserved thopes, etc.

(3) Objections from Villagers justifying the refusal of grants.

(*e*) *Vide* replies to (*d*).

(*f*) Disallowed.

(*g*) No.

(*h*) Yes, as is being done now.

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## I.A.S. and Gazetted Posts and the Representation of Scheduled Castes members in these posts.

**Sri H. K. SIDDAIYA** (Belur—Scheduled Castes).—

*Q.*—45. Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) the total number of I.A.S. posts in Mysore State;

(*b*) of them, the number held by the members of the Scheduled Castes;

(*c*) the total number of gazetted posts in Mysore State;

(*d*) of them, the number held by the members of the Scheduled Castes;

(*e*) whether proper and due representation of the members of the Scheduled Castes has been secured according to Article-320 (4) of the Constitution of India and according to Government Order making a reservation of $16\frac{2}{3}$ per cent, in the I.A.S., Gazetted and other services?

*A.*—**Sri Kadidal MANJAPPA** (Minister for Revenue and Public Works).—

(*a*) 45.

(*b*) Nil.

(*c*) 1,595.

(*d*) 35.

(*e*) The $16\frac{2}{3}$ per cent reservation of vacancies to the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes, fixed having reference to direct recruitment only, can be secured gradually in due course. So far as I.A.S. is concerned, provision exists in the I.A.S. (Recruitment) Rules, 1954, reserving in favour of candidates belonging to the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes to the extent not exceeding $12\frac{1}{2}$ per cent and 5 per cent respectively of the number of vacancies to be filled on the results of each examination and the Government of India will naturally keep this in view during recruitment to this service on All- ndia basis.

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## Depressed Class Special Officers and their powers.

**Sri H. K. SIDDAIYA** (Belur—Scheduled Castes).—

*Q.*—46. Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the members of the Legislative Assembly belonging to Depressed Classes have been urging on the Government for a long time to give powers to the Special Officers for Depressed Classes for sanctioning lands, wells and to supervise the Depressed Class work effectively;

(*b*) whether it is a fact that the Government have not conceded to their request and have not made any attempt to examine the nature of powers that could be given to them?

*A.*—**Sri T. CHANNIAH** (Minister for Public Health and Local Self-Government).—

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The power to grant lands is exercised under the Land Revenue Code and the Rules issued thereunder. It can only be exercised by the Revenue Officers and not by others. The power to sanction wells cannot also be entrusted to the Special Officers as they are not of sufficient status.

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## Cases of misappropriation in Visvesvaraya Canal Area.

**Sri. B. P. NAGARAJA MURTHY** (Malavalli).—

*Q.*—49. Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) how many cases of misappropriation were detected in Visvesvaraya Canal Area after the appointment of the Special Officers in that area by Government;